



ENTRY FORM

Outstanding Contribution to Midwifery Services: International

Before you complete the entry form please take a moment to read through the below information carefully as it contains important information regarding your entry such as, deadlines, word limits and details about what will happen if you are shortlisted for your category.

Eligible: Any RCM member midwife, student midwife, maternity support worker or maternity team

Individual or team category: You can submit an entry for either an individual or for a team

Entry or nominated: Entrants can either self nominate or submit a nomination for a colleague

Category description: The award will recognise an individual or team that may have led midwifery collaborations internationally across clinical, education, research, or policy. It will be awarded to an individual member or group of members/team who are able to demonstrate innovation, dynamism, commitment and enthusiasm for excellence in international engagement to strengthen midwifery globally together with a consistently high-quality approach to international partnerships, including twinning between international midwifery teams. It may also include research teams conducting joint projects, clinical training and international collaborations.

This project or initiative will be one in which midwives demonstrate active involvement and collaboration with international colleagues to develop sustainable professional collaborations across research, education, clinical, policy impacting global health.

The judges are looking for:

- Demonstrates a strong commitment to strengthening global midwifery through collaboration and partnership
- Demonstrates relevance to the wider context of global maternal and newborn healthcare and makes clear links to the WHO (2021) Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery and the ICM (2021) Professional Framework for Midwifery
- Gives due regard for safeguarding, cultural respect, equity and power-sharing in international engagement and collaboration
- Shows evidence of an innovative approach
- Has delivered an outstanding programme that provides an example for others to follow
- Works in collaboration with international partners to influence change at policy level
- Can demonstrate the impact of their initiative

Please note: all entries must be submitted online via the RCM Awards website: www.rcmawards.com

Submission Rules:

In order to ensure a smooth and efficient entry process we ask that you follow some simple rules:

- Your entry form **must be anonymous**. If the judges are able to identify your entry, it may be disqualified.
- The word count for entries is **750 words** (This includes all sections of the entry form). References are not included in this word count. If your entry does exceed this word limit you run the risk of being disqualified.
- Make sure that you are completing the correct entry/nomination form for your category.
- Select categories allow the entrant to supply supporting documentation. If this applies to your category, please supply it as a separate document and limit it to 3 single sided A4 pages.
- You must complete the official entry form. Other documents cannot be accepted.

What happens next?

- The shortlist will be announced in March 2023. All entrants will receive an email notifying them when the shortlist is announced.
- All shortlisted entrants are expected to attend an individual judging day to present their project to a panel of judges. Please note that the RCM cannot reimburse or cover midwives' travel and/or accommodation costs to attend the interview days or the awards day.
- A maximum of two complimentary tickets will be provided for each shortlisted entry for the named entrant, or entrants, or nominated entrant and their nominee to attend the RCM Awards event held on 19 May 2023 in London.

***PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME OR NHS ORGANISATION NAME ON THIS FORM. THIS ENTRY MUST BE ANONYMOUS**

SUMMARY OF ENTRY (*Approx 100 words*)

OUTLINE HOW YOUR INITIATIVE DEMONSTRATES THE COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING GLOBAL MIDWIFERY THROUGH COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP

HOW DOES THE INITIATIVE/PROJECT DEMONSTRATE THE RELEVANCE TO THE WIDER CONTEXT OF GLOBAL MATERNAL AND NEWBORN HEALTHCARE

EXPLAIN HOW THE INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS WERE IDENTIFIED AND HOW YOU WORKED WITH INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS TO INFLUENCE CHANGE

DESCRIBE WHAT THE OUTCOME & IMPACT OF THE INITIATIVE HAS HAD AND HOW THIS HAS INSPIRED CHANGE WITHIN YOUR OWN SPHERE OF PRACTICE